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For: PLASMA FILM-FORMING APPARATUS )  
AND CLEANING METHOD FOR THE )  
SAME )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment to the application referenced above and filed simultaneously herewith.

Pursuant to the new rules regarding amendments, kindly amend the specification by amending the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE on page 1 of the specification, the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION appearing on pages 4 and 5 of the original specification, and the claims appearing on pages 12 and 13, as indicated hereinafter in the following pages in unmarked up form. A marked up version of the amendments to the specification and claims are attached by way of appendix to this amendment.